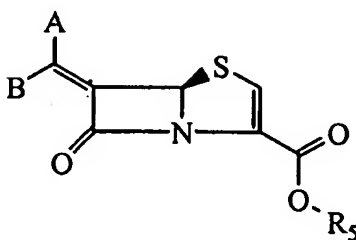


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

1. (Canceled)
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6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of compounds of the formula I



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wherein:

one of A and B denotes hydrogen and the other is an aryl optionally substituted with one or two R₂, heteroaryl optionally substituted with one or two R₂, fused bicyclic heteroaryl optionally substituted with one or two R₂, fused tricyclic heteroaryl optionally substituted with one or two R₂, cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one or two R₂, alkyl optionally substituted with one or two R₂, alkenyl optionally substituted with one or two R₂, alkynyl optionally substituted with one or two R₂, saturated or partially saturated heteroaryl optionally substituted with one or two R₂;

R₅ is H, C1 -C6 alkyl, C5 - C6 cycloalkyl, or CHR₃OCOC1-C6alkyl;